

CELEBRATE CCG
ANNIVERSARY AT
WILDLIFE REFUGE

U. S. Biological Survey
Congratulates Boys
on "Good Job".

C. C. C. boys, developing the Medicine Lake Migratory Waterfowl Refuge in Sheridan and Roosevelt counties of Montana, are making an invaluable contribution to the national wildlife restoration program, says Dr. Ira N. Gabrielsen, Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey. His congratulations to the camp personnel came on the fifth anniversary of the C. C. C.

The Medicine Lake camp is joining other camps throughout the nation this week (March 31 to April 5) in celebrating the anniversary and invites the public to visit the camp during an "open house" celebration on (insert date) to see the progress being made at this Montana wildlife refuge. Here the C. C. C. boys, under direction of the Biological Survey, are working to improve the refuge as they are in 31 other camps on refuges over the United States. They are making the refuges easier to administer and more attractive to wildlife.

"C. C. C. boys," says Dr. Gabrielsen, "are familiar figures in many localities. The public is becoming acquainted with them and their work. It can see the beneficial effect camp training has in preparing them for good citizenship. It also learns about their contribution to the wildlife program."

The Medicine Lake refuge, just below the Canadian border in northeastern Montana, is one of the selected areas which the Biological Survey is improving with the C. C. C. help so that it will attract and support larger numbers of waterfowl and other wildlife. Eventually it will embrace more than 47,000 acres.

Truck trails have been built on the refuge. Fences, cattle guards and 29 miles of fire break furnish needed protection for the inhabitants. On the western extremity of the lake, dams and dikes with spillways impound and control the water.

Land has been prepared for seeding and planting and 7560 pounds of grass, shrub and flower seed have been collected here by the boys. Lake and pond development has employed 2677 man days of their labor.

Increasing numbers of ducks are to be found at this sanctuary which is in the great duck incubator area of the country. Shovelers, pintails, redheads, gadwalls, blue-winged teal, American widgeon, mallards, and ruddy duck nest at Medicine Lake. The goldeneye is a regular visitor.

Excavation work in canals, ditches and channels has improved the water control and the C. C. C. boys have riprapped, built wildlife shelters and cleaned up 450 acres of the sanctuary to improve its natural features.

Horned grebes nest at Medicine Lake and shore birds are present in abundance.

"The accomplishments of the C. C. C. boys," says Dr. Gabrielson, "help to make Medicine Lake safe and attractive for its occupants. The work at this Montana refuge will serve as a lasting monument to the C. C. C. Five years ago when our wildlife resources, especially waterfowl, were in serious danger, the Biological Survey had a restoration program. It lacked the means and man power to carry it out. Then emergency funds, for buying refuge areas, became available. About the same time C. C.C. help was obtained. This was indeed a happy coincidence as the accomplishments on record today were only dreamed of five years ago."